

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Christopher J. Hess, et al.	Examiner:	Unassigned
Serial No:	To be assigned	Art Unit:	Unassigned
Filed:	Herewith	Docket:	14834 (ETH-1540/CONT)
For:	VESSEL HARVESTING RETRACTOR WITH ELECTROSURGICAL PLUNGER	Dated:	July 2, 2003

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. Re. 36,043, resissued January 12, 1999, issued to Knighton;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,591,183, dated January 7, 1997, issued to Chin;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,593,418, dated January 14, 1997, issued to Mollenauer;

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

Express Mailing Label No.: EV185861425US

Date of Deposit: July 2, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 2, 2003.

Dated: July 2, 2003


July 2, 2003

4. U.S. Patent No. 5,601,581, dated February 11, 1997, issued to Fogarty et al.;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,667,480, dated September 16, 1997, issued to Knight et al.;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,695,514, dated December 9, 1997, issued to Chin;
7. U.S. Patent No. No. 5,722,934, dated March 3, 1998, issued to Knight et al.;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,725,479, dated March 10, 1998, issued to Knight et al.;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,730,748, dated March 24, 1998, issued to Fogarty et al.;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,797,947, dated August 25, 1998, issued to Mollenauer;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,817,013, dated October 6, 1998, issued to Ginn et al.;
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,836,945, dated November 17, 1998, issued to Perkins;
13. U.S. Patent No. 5,853,417, dated December 29, 1998, issued to Fogarty et al.;
14. U.S. Patent No. 5,873,889, dated February 23, 1999, issued to Chin;
15. U.S. Patent No. 5,876,413, dated March 2, 1999, issued to Fogarty et al.;
16. U.S. Patent No. 5,891,140, dated April 6, 1999, issued to Ginn et al.;
17. U.S. Patent No. 5,899,913, dated May 4, 1999, issued to Fogarty et al.;
18. U.S. Patent No. 5,902,316, dated May 11, 1999, issued to Mollenauer;
19. U.S. Patent No. 5,916,233, dated June 29, 1999, issued to Chin;
20. U.S. Patent No. 5,922,004, dated July 13, 1999, issued to DuBois;
21. U.S. Patent No. 5,928,135, dated July 27, 1999, issued to Knight et al.;
22. U.S. Patent No. 5,938,680, dated August 17, 1999, issued to Ginn;
23. U.S. Patent No. 5,968,065, dated October 19, 1999, issued to Chin;
24. U.S. Patent No. 5,968,066, dated October 19, 1999, issued to Fogarty et al.;
25. U.S. Patent No. 5,970,982, dated October 26, 1999, issued to Perkins;
26. U.S. Patent No. 5,972,010, dated October 26, 1999, issued to Taheri;

27. U.S. Patent No. 5,976,168, dated November 2, 1999, issued to Chin;
28. U.S. Patent No. 5,980,549, dated November 9, 1999, issued to Chin;
29. U.S. Patent No. 5,984,937, dated November 16, 1999, issued to Morse et al.;
30. U.S. Patent No. 6,019,771, dated February 1, 2000, issued to Bennett et al.;
31. U.S. Patent No. 6,022,313, dated February 8, 2000, issued to Ginn et al.;
32. U.S. Patent No. 6,036,713, dated March 14, 2000, issued to Kieturakis;
33. U.S. Patent No. 6,036,714, dated March 14, 2000, issued to Chin;
34. U.S. Patent No. 6,042,538, dated March 28, 2000, issued to Puskas;
35. U.S. Patent No. 6,059,802, dated May 9, 2000, issued to Ginn;
36. U.S. Patent No. 6,068,639, dated May 30, 2000, issued to Fogarty et al.;
37. U.S. Patent No. 6,071,232, dated June 6, 2000, issued to Knighton et al.;
38. U.S. Patent No. 6,120,434, dated September 19, 2000, issued to Kimura et al.;
39. U.S. Patent No. 6,139,489, dated October 31, 2000, issued to Wampler et al.;
40. U.S. Patent No. US 5,366,476, dated November 1994, issued to Noda;
41. U.S. Patent No. US 6,080,102, dated June 2000, issued to Konou et al.;
42. PCT Application No. WO 00/15116, dated March 23, 2000;
43. PCT Application No. WO 99/66842, dated December 29, 1999; and
44. European Patent Application No. EP 0 979 635 A2, dated February 16, 2000.

Applicants are not submitting copies of the above-cited references as references 1-39 and 42-44 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 26, 2001 and references 40 and 41 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with co-pending U.S. serial number 09/966,858 filed on September 28, 2001.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Spinelli

Registration No.: 39,533

Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser
400 Garden City Plaza
Garden City, New York 11530
(516) 742-4343

TS:cm

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	Docket Number (Optional) 14834 (ETH-1540/CONT)	Application Number T be assigned
	Applicant(s) Christopher J. Hess, et al.	
	Filing Date Herewith	Group Art Unit Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		Re. 36,043	1/12/99	Knighton			
		5,591,183	1/7/97	Chin			
		5,593,418	1/14/97	Mollenauer			
		5,601,581	2/11/97	Fogarty et al.			
		5,667,480	9/16/97	Knight et al.			
		5,695,514	12/9/97	Chin			
		5,722,934	3/3/98	Knight et al.			
		5,725,479	3/10/98	Knight et al.			
		5,730,748	3/24/98	Fogarty et al.			
		5,797,947	8/25/98	Mollenauer			
		5,817,013	10/6/98	Ginn et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	WO 00/15116	3/23/00	PCT				
	WO 99/66842	12/29/99	PCT				
	EP 0 979 635 A2	2/16/00	EPO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	Docket Number (Optional) 14834Z 9ETH-1540-CONT)	Application Number To be assigned
	Applicant(s) Christopher J. Hess, et al.	
	Filing Date Herewith	Group Art Unit Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,836,945	11/17/1998	Perkins			
		5,853,417	12/29/1998	Fogarty et al.			
		5,873,889	2/23/1999	Chin			
		5,876,413	3/2/1999	Fogarty et al.			
		5,891,140	4/6/1999	Ginn et al.			
		5,899,913	5/4/1999	Fogarty et al.			
		5,902,316	5/11/1999	Mollenauer			
		5,916,233	6/29/1999	Chin			
		5,922,004	7/13/1999	DuBois			
		5,928,135	7/27/1999	Knight et al.			
		5,938,680	8/17/1999	Ginn			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
-----------------	------------------------

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	Docket Number (Optional) 14834Z (ETH-1540-CONT)	Application Number To be assigned
	Applicant(s) Christopher J. Hess, et al.	
	Filing Date Herewith	Group Art Unit Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,968,065	10/19/1999	Chin			
		5,968,066	10/19/1999	Fogarty et al.			
		5,970,982	10/26/1999	Perkins			
		5,972,010	10/26/1999	Taheri			
		5,976,168	11/2/1999	Chin			
		5,980,549	11/9/1999	Chin			
		5,984,937	11/16/1999	Morse et al.			
		6,019,771	2/1/2000	Bennett et al.			
		6,022,313	2/8/2000	Ginn et al.			
		6,036,713	3/14/2000	Kieturakis			
		6,036,714	3/14/2000	Chin			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
-----------------	------------------------

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>				Docket Number (Optional) 14834Z 9ETH-1540-CONT)		Application Number To be assigned	
				Applicant(s) Christopher J. Hess, et al.			
				Filing Date Herewith		Group Art Unit Unassigned	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,042,538	3/28/2000	Puskas			
		6,059,802	5/9/2000	Ginn			
		6,068,639	5/30/2000	Fogarty et al.			
		6,071,232	6/6/2000	Knighton et al.			
		6,120,434	9/19/2000	Kimura et al.			
		6,139,489	10/31/2000	Wampler et al.			
		US 5,366,476	11/1994	Noda			
		US 6,080,102	6/2000	Konou et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.